



Law and Justice Division
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PI 242 Forensic Science II

Syllabus

Lecture hours/Lab hours/Credits: 3/3/4

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: PI 241

This course involves a more detailed inquiry into the methods and procedures utilized by the forensic crime laboratory in the examination of physical evidence. Emphasis is on field test equipment utilized at the crime scene and laboratory procedures employed for more detailed analysis.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at ccnj.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Online Proctoring

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring.

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Class Discussions
- Lab & Field Exercises
- Written Assignments (Assessments)
- Attendance and Participation

Grading

A = 96%-100%

A- = 93%-95%

B+ = 90%-92%

B = 86%-89%

B- = 83%-85%

C+ = 80%-82%

C = 77%-79%

C- = 74%-76%

D+ = 71%-73%

D = 67%-70%

D- = 64%-66%

F = Below 64

Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

PI 242 Core Competencies

This course focuses on two of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Oral and Written Communication

Student Learning Outcomes: Forensic Science II

Successful completion of PI 242 will help students to:	RCSJ's Core Competencies	Evaluation/Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)
<p>1. Describe the significance of the physical, biological and legal applications of forensic science. Identify specialized fields which contribute to the forensic investigation of crime & express their importance to the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Oral Communication Written Communication</p>	<p>Discussion Quizzes & Examinations Critical Thinking Rubric</p>
<p>2. Solve more advanced problems while managing time effectively and pursuing set objectives while working safely in a laboratory or field environment</p>	<p>Oral Communication Written Communication</p>	<p>Observation & Discussion Laboratory & Field Exercises Detailed Laboratory Reports Self & Team Assessment Teamwork Rubric</p>
<p>3. Employ forensic examination and comparison techniques on evidence, including fingerprint development and processing techniques, and casting footwear and tire impression evidence.</p>	<p>Oral Communication Written Communication</p>	<p>Observation & Discussion Critical Thinking Rubric Laboratory & Field Exercises Detailed Laboratory Reports Self & Team Assessment Teamwork Rubric Laboratory Report Rubric</p>
<p>4. Work collaboratively by expressing opinion with tact, listening to others, and shouldering the</p>	<p>Oral & Written Communication</p>	<p>Self & Team Assessment Teamwork Rubric Observation & Discussion Laboratory & Field Exercises</p>

Successful completion of PI 242 will help students to:	RCSJ's Core Competencies	Evaluation/Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)
appropriate share of the workload. Distinguish opinions from facts.		Laboratory Report Rubric
5. Describe and explain the history of significant figures in various forensic science fields such as serology and pathology.	Oral Communication Written Communication	Discussion Quizzes & Examinations
6. Explain the Medico-legal role of the Forensic Pathologist and the determination of the Post Mortem Interval based on changes in the human body, stages of decomposition and Forensic Entomology.	Oral Communication Written Communication	Observation & Discussion Laboratory & Field Exercises Detailed Laboratory Reports Quizzes & Examinations Self-Report Survey /Peer Review Form Critical Thinking Rubric Laboratory Report Rubric

Topical Outline

Tool Mark Evidence & Analysis

History & Role of Forensic Serology (Blood)

Presumptive Blood Tests

Crime Scene Reconstruction: Blood Pattern Analysis

Latent Fingerprint Development (Standard & Chemical)

Death Investigation

Forensic Entomology

Fingerprint Lifting and Processing

Odontology

Handwriting/U.S. Currency

Mock Crime Scenes

History & Role of the FBI Crime Lab

Crime Scene & Physical Evidence

Trace Evidence: Hairs, Fibers & Paints

Microscopes

Drugs & Forensic Toxicology

Forensic Serology & DNA

Advanced Photographic Documentation—Footwear, Tire Impressions & Tool Marks

Fire & Explosion Investigations

Firearms & Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Shooting Incident Reconstruction & Glass Fracture Analysis

Computer & Mobile Device Forensics

Affirmative Action Statement

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Department of Special Services

The Department of Special Services is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented conditions/disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments Act (ADAAA).

(Gloucester Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Instructional Center, room 425A.

Primary Contact: Director, Carol Weinhardt, (email) cweinhar@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-415-2247.

(Cumberland Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS)

Primary Contact: Senior Director, Meredith Vicente, (email) mvicent1@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-200-4688.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault Resource Referrals (8/2021) Cumberland Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus.
Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus.
Employees must report crimes that pose an immediate threat to the campus Security Office, the local Police Department or the Sheriff's Office.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Confidential Reporting Law Enforcement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vineland Police Dept. Millville Police Department Cumberland Co. Sheriff's Office Cumberland County Emergency Services Cumberland Campus Security 856-200-4706 (Direct)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">856-691-4111 856-825-7010 856-451-4449 9-1-1 Andres Lopez, Director Safety and Security 856-200-4706</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Compliance Nathaniel Alridge, Jr., JD, Director Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Judicial Affairs Kellie W. Slade Executive Director Student Services, Student Life</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">856-415-2154 Gloucester Campus College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-498-9948 Catherine J. Arpino Education and Humanities Center, nalridge@rcsj.edu 856-200-4615 Student & Enrollment Services Center kslade@rcsj.edu</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Counseling and Wellness Center John Wojtowicz, LCSW</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic Building – 1st floor 856-200-4760 jwojtowi@rcsj.edu</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Center for Family Services – Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24/7 Hotlines Cumberland Co. – 1-800-225-0196 www.centerffs.org/serv</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on Site</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inspira Medical Center Vineland</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1505 W. Sherman Ave., Vineland, NJ 856-641-8000</p>